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Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Ricardo J. Rechany, Esq.
444 Brickell Avenue
Plaza 51-139
Miami, Florida 33131

FFF:JGR:aw 5/13/83

cc: FFFielding
JGRoberts
Subj.
Chron

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID C. STEPHENSON
ACTING PARDON ATTORNEY
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FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Pardon Request

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United States District Court

FOR THE

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

RAMIRO DE LA FE

No. 67-343-CR-CA

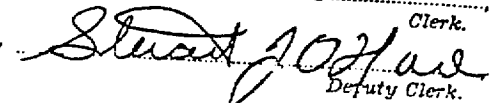
To ANY UNITED STATES MARSHAL OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED OFFICER:

You are hereby commanded to arrest **RAMIRO DE LA FE** and bring him forthwith before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida in the city of **Miami** to answer to an **INDICTMENT** charging him with conspiracy to commit piracy on the high seas; assault with a dangerous weapon; destruction of navigation appliances; unlawful boarding of vessel on high seas; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1651, 371, 1363, 113(c) and 2119.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~Dated at Miami, Floridaon July 26 1967Bail fixed at \$ 2,500.00 Recognizance Bond By

JOSEPH I. BOGART

Clerk.



Deputy Clerk.

RETURN

District of

SS

Received the within warrant the

day of

19

and executed same.

By

Insert designation of officer to whom the warrant is issued, e. g., "any United States Marshal or any other authorized officer"; or "United States Marshal for District of "; or "any United States Marshal", or "any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation", or "any United States Marshal or any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation"; or "any agent of the Alcohol Tax Unit."

No.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Southern District of Florida

Division

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

RAMIRO DE LA FE, et al.

INDICTMENT

Violation of

Title 18, USC, Sections 1651, 371,
1363, 113(c), 2199

A true bill.

For return

Filed in open court this 26th day

of July, A. D. 1962

JOSEPH I. BOGART, CLERK

By, *120 of our Deputy Clerk*

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

NO. 67-343- -CR- CA

18 USC, Section 1651

M/S Life imprisonment

18 USC, Section 371

M/S \$10,000 - 5 yrs.

18 USC, Section 1363

M/S \$1,000 - 5 yrs.

18 USC, Section 113(c)

M/S \$1,000 - 5 yrs.

18 USC, Section 2199

M/S \$1,000 - 1 yr.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

v. :

INDICTMENT

RAMIRO DE LA FE; :

ARMANDO BETANCOURT y MELLA DE EUSEBIA; :

MODESTO CARLOS GARCIA MENDEZ; :

HUMBERTO PEREZ MONTES DE OCA; :

MANUEL ALVAREZ-SOLANO; :

SERGIO CIPRI BRUCE FREIJO y DE BEDIA, :

a/k/a Carlos Salgado-Suarez :

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT I

That from on or about May 1, 1967, and continuously thereafter
up to and including the present time, in the Southern District of Florida,
the Northern District of Illinois, and upon the high seas, the defendants,

RAMIRO DE LA FE,
ARMANDO BETANCOURT y MELLA DE EUSEBIA,
MODESTO CARLOS GARCIA MENDEZ,
HUMBERTO PEREZ MONTES DE OCA,
MANUEL ALVAREZ-SOLANO, and
SERGIO CIPRI BRUCE FREIJO y DE BEDIA,
a/k/a Carlos Salgado-Suarez,

unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly did conspire with each other, and
with divers other persons to the Grand Jury unknown, to violate the laws
of the United States, to-wit: Title 18, United States Code, Sections 113(c),
1363 and 1651, in the manner and by the means hereinafter set forth.

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1. It was the plan of said conspiracy to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1651, by knowingly, wilfully and unlawfully conspiring to, by open force, commandeer a vessel belonging to a corporation of the United States, to sail said vessel to a point near Cuba, and to use said vessel as their own.

2. It was further a part of the said conspiracy that the said defendants and co-conspirators would enter a vessel armed with rifles and, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 113(c), would knowingly and wilfully with force and arms place the crew, through apprehension of physical harm, under its command.

3. It was further a part of the said conspiracy that the said defendants and co-conspirators would, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1363, knowingly and wilfully destroy the radio equipment upon the vessel so that radio communication would be rendered impossible.

4. It was further a part of the said conspiracy that the said defendants and co-conspirators would rendezvous with a smaller boat after the large vessel was captured.

In pursuance and furtherance of the said conspiracy, and to effect the objects thereof, the defendants and their co-conspirators did commit in the Southern District of Florida, the Northern District of Illinois, and upon the high seas, the following overt acts, among others:

OVERT ACTS

1. On or about June 17 and 18, 1967, Ramiro De La Fe and Modesto Carlos Garcia Mendez traveled by automobile from Chicago, Illinois, to 824 Jefferson Avenue, Miami Beach, within the Southern District of Florida.

2. In the latter part of June 1967, the exact date to the Grand Jury unknown, Ramiro De La Fe, and divers other persons to the Grand Jury unknown, did meet in Miami, in the Southern District of Florida, and discuss plans to seize a ship.

3. That on or about July 10, 1967, Ramiro De La Fe and Humberto Perez Montes De Oca did meet at 147 N. E. Second Avenue in Miami, in the Southern District of Florida.

4. That at or about 7:00 P. M., on July 10, 1967, Ramiro De La Fe, Armando Betancourt y Mella De Eusebia, Modesto Carlos Garcia Mendez, Humberto Perez Montes De Oca, Manuel Alvarez-Solano, and Sergio Cipri Bruce Freijo y De Bedia, a/k/a Carlos Salgado-Suarez, did meet on the dock at Dodge Island, Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida.

5. That at or about 12:30 A. M., on July 11, 1967, on the high seas, the defendants, Ramiro De La Fe, Armando Betancourt y Mella De Eusebia, Modesto Carlos Garcia Mendez, Humberto Perez Montes De Oca, Manuel Alvarez-Solano, and Sergio Cipri Bruce Freijo y De Bedia, a/k/a Carlos Salgado-Suarez, each armed, entered the wheelhouse on the bridge of the SS Freight Transporter.

6. On or about July 11, 1967, the defendants, Ramiro De La Fe, Armando Betancourt y Mella De Eusebia, Modesto Carlos Garcia Mendez, Humberto Perez Montes De Oca, and Sergio Cipri Bruce Freijo y De Bedia, a/k/a Carlos Salgado-Suarez, did enter a taxicab at 13th Street and Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, within the Southern District of Florida.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COURT II

That on or about the 11th day of July, 1967, on the high seas within the special maritime and admiralty jurisdiction of the United States, the defendants,

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did, without lawful authority, knowingly, wilfully and unlawfully seize, commandeer and take command of the vessel, SS Freight Transporter, with force and arms, said vessel being owned by the Odecca Terminal Company, an American corporation chartered under the laws of the State of New York, said vessel being leased to Coordinating Caribbean Transport. Inc., an American corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Florida; the aforementioned defendants did knowingly, wilfully and unlawfully take from said vessel one lifeboat without right or claim of title, to Miami Beach, within the Southern District of Florida; all such acts being piracy as defined by law of nations; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1651.

COUNT III

On or about the 11th day of July, 1967, on board the SS Freight Transporter, a vessel belonging to the Odecca Terminal Company, an American corporation chartered under the laws of the State of New York, while said vessel was on the high seas, that is, on the Atlantic Ocean, the defendants,

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did, without just cause or excuse, assault Ostel Edgar Woods, Ramon Carpio

and Pedro Concepcion, with dangerous weapons, that is, guns, with intent to do bodily harm to said Ostel Edgar Woods, Ramon Carpio and Pedro Concepcion. The Southern District of Florida was the Federal Judicial District into which the defendants first entered following the commission of the aforesaid offense. All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 113(c) and 2.

COUNT IV

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did wilfully and maliciously injure appliances for navigation aboard said vessel, to-wit: the ship-to-shore radio equipment, by dismantling and wrecking it. Thereafter said defendants returned to Miami Beach, within the Southern District of Florida. All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1363 and 2.

COUNT V

On or about the 10th day of July, 1967, the defendants,

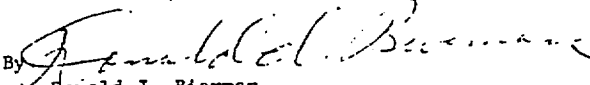
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without the consent of the operator of a vessel, that is, the SS Freight Transporter, and without any lawful consent, and with intent to obtain transportation on said vessel, did board, enter and secrete themselves on the vessel at Miami, Florida, and did remain aboard the vessel after said vessel had left Miami, Florida, and were on the vessel at a place within the jurisdiction of the United States, to-wit: the high seas east of Miami Beach, Florida; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2199.

A TRUE BILL

FOREMAN

WILLIAM A. MEADOWS, JR.
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

By 
Donald I. Bierman
Assistant United States Attorney

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

John

*Parlon
file*

Date 9/16/83

Suspense Date _____

MEMORANDUM FOR: COUNSEL'S OFFICE ATTORNEYS

FROM: **DIANNA G. HOLLAND**

ACTION

- ☐ Approved
- ☐ Please handle/review
- ☒ For your information
- ☐ For your recommendation
- ☐ For the files
- ☐ Please see me
- ☐ Please prepare response for
_____ signature
- ☐ As we discussed
- ☐ Return to me for filing

COMMENT



Subject

New rules governing petitions for
Executive clemency

Date

September 13, 1983

To

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

From

David C. Stephenson
Acting Pardon Attorney

On May 5, 1983 President Reagan approved a revision of the rules governing petitions for pardon and other forms of Executive clemency, the first revision since 1962. The regulations governing petitions for Executive clemency describe the procedures involved in petitioning the President for Executive clemency and the responsibility of the Attorney General in investigating each applicant for clemency and advising the President as to the proper disposition of each application. The new rules simplify and update clemency procedures, authorize the Attorney General to delegate his responsibility in clemency matters, lengthen the eligibility waiting period for pardon applicants to a minimum of five years, with a minimum of seven required for more serious crimes, increase the categories of crimes requiring the longer eligibility waiting period, and broaden the discretionary authority to release clemency records in the public interest. A new section describes the nature and effect of the regulations.

Two copies of the new rules are attached. The rules will be published in the next revision of the Code of Federal Regulations at 28 CFR 1.1 et seq. In the interim, additional copies may be requested by calling the Office of the Pardon Attorney at 492-5910.

RULES GOVERNING PETITIONS FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

United States Department of Justice

WASHINGTON, D.C.

PART 1—EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Sec.

- 1.1 Submission of petition; form to be used; contents of petition.
- 1.2 Eligibility for filing petition for pardon.
- 1.3 Eligibility for filing petition for commutation of sentence.
- 1.4 Offenses against the laws of possessions or territories of the United States.
- 1.5 Disclosure of files.
- 1.6 Consideration of petitions; recommendations to the President.
- 1.7 Notification of grant of clemency.
- 1.8 Notification of denial of clemency.
- 1.9 Delegation of authority.
- 1.10 Advisory nature of regulations.

Authority: U.S. Const., Art. II, Sec. 2, and authority of the President as Chief Executive.

§ 1.1 Submission of petition; form to be used; contents of petition.

Persons seeking Executive clemency by pardon, reprieve, commutation of sentence or remission of fine shall execute formal petitions therefor. The petitions shall be addressed to the President of the United States and shall be submitted to the Pardon Attorney, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, except for petitions relating to military offenses. Petitions and other required forms may be obtained from the Pardon Attorney. Petition forms for commutation of sentence also may be obtained from the wardens of Federal penal institutions. A petitioner applying for Executive clemency with respect to military offenses should submit his petition directly to the Secretary of the military department which had original jurisdiction over the court-martial trial and conviction of the petitioner. In such instance, a form furnished by the Pardon Attorney may be used but should be modified to meet the needs of the particular case. Each petition for Executive clemency should include the information required in the form prescribed by the Attorney General.

§ 1.2 Eligibility for filing petition for pardon.

No petition for pardon should be filed until the expiration of a waiting period of at least five years subsequent to the date of the release of the petitioner from confinement or, in case no prison sentence was imposed, until the expiration of a period of at least five

years subsequent to the date of the conviction of the petitioner. In some cases, such as those involving violent crimes, violation of narcotics laws, gun control laws, income tax laws, perjury, violation of public trust involving personal dishonesty, fraud involving substantial sums of money, violations involving organized crime, or other crimes of a serious nature, no petition should be filed until the expiration of a waiting period of seven years. The waiting period may be waived in cases of aliens seeking a pardon to avert deportation. Generally, no petition should be submitted by a person who is on probation or parole.

§ 1.3 Eligibility for filing petition for commutation of sentence.

A petition for commutation of sentence, including remission of fine, should be filed only if no other form of relief is available, such as from a court or the United States Parole Commission, or if unusual circumstances exist, such as critical illness, severity of sentence, ineligibility for parole, or meritorious service rendered by the petitioner.

§ 1.4 Offenses against the laws of possessions or territories of the United States.

Petitions for Executive clemency shall relate only to violations of laws of the United States. Petitions relating to violations of laws of the possessions of the United States or territories subject to the jurisdiction thereof should be submitted to the appropriate official or agency of the possession or territory concerned.

§ 1.5 Disclosure of files.

Petitions, reports, memoranda and communications submitted or furnished in connection with the consideration of a petition for Executive clemency generally shall be available only to the officials concerned with the consideration of the petition. However, they may be made available for inspection, in whole or in part, when in the judgment of the Attorney General their disclosure is required by law or the ends of justice.

§ 1.6 Consideration of petitions; recommendations to the President.

(a) Upon receipt of a petition for Executive clemency the Attorney General shall cause such investigation to be made of the matter as he may deem necessary and appropriate, using the services of, or obtaining reports from, appropriate officials and agencies of the Government, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(b) The Attorney General shall review each petition and all pertinent information developed by the investigation

and shall determine whether the request for clemency is of sufficient merit to warrant favorable action by the President. He shall report in writing his recommendation to the President, stating whether in his judgment the President should grant or deny the petition.

§ 1.7 Notification of grant of clemency.

When a petition for pardon is granted, the petitioner or his attorney shall be notified of such action and the warrant of pardon shall be mailed to the petitioner. When commutation of sentence is granted, the petitioner shall be notified of such action and the warrant of commutation shall be sent to the petitioner through the officer in charge of his place of confinement, or directly to the petitioner if he is on parole.

§ 1.8 Notification of denial of clemency.

(a) Whenever the President notifies the Attorney General that he is denying a request for clemency, the Attorney General shall so advise the petitioner and close the case.

(b) Whenever the Attorney General recommends that the President deny a request for clemency and the President does not disapprove or take other action with respect to that adverse recommendation within 30 days after the date of its submission to him, it shall be presumed that the President concurs in that adverse recommendation of the Attorney General, and the Attorney General shall so advise the petitioner and close the case.

§ 1.9 Delegation of authority.

The Attorney General may delegate to any officer of the Department of Justice any of his duties or responsibilities under §§ 1.1 through 1.8.

§ 1.10 Advisory nature of regulations.

The regulations contained in this part are advisory only and for the internal guidance of Department of Justice personnel. They create no enforceable rights in persons applying for Executive clemency, nor do they restrict the authority granted to the President under Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution.

William French Smith
Attorney General

Dated: April 27, 1983

Approved:

Ronald Reagan
President

Dated: May 5, 1983

Parsons

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 15, 1984

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Your letter of October 22, 1984 to White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker, III has been referred to me for consideration and response. In that letter you objected to your return to custody after cooperation with the United States Attorney's Office, and noted that you had an application pending before Acting Pardon Attorney David C. Stephenson.

I hope you will understand that it would be inappropriate for the White House to interfere in any way with the decision of the Parole Commission, or to interfere with the processing of your application before the Acting Pardon Attorney. I have, however, referred your correspondence to the Department of Justice, for whatever action that Department considers appropriate.

Sincerely,




John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Reginald Goldsmith
Federal Correctional Institution
PMB 1000
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 15, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROGER CLEGG
ASSOCIATE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Correspondence to Mr. Baker From Inmate

The attached correspondence, together with a copy of my interim reply, is referred to the Department of Justice for whatever action may be appropriate.

Many thanks.

Attachment

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Name of Correspondent: Frederick Goldsmith

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Subject: Parole problems

ROUTE TO:

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DISPOSITION

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D - Draft Response
F - Furnish Fact Sheet
to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
R - Direct Reply w/Copy
S - For Signature
X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

A - Answered
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C - Completed
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Comments: See ID 268357

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October 1, 1984

Cecil C. McCall
Regional Commissioner
United States Parole Commission
Southeast Regional Office
715 McDonough Blvd., S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30315

Dear Mr. McCall:

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Reginald Goldsmith, an inmate of the Federal Correctional Institute in Tallahassee, Florida.

While I do not know Mr. Goldsmith personally, he has written to me concerning his present incarceration for parole violation. It is my understanding that he was serving this term when, in November, 1982, he was granted a Bond at the request of the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. Subsequently, he assisted the Drug Enforcement Agency in bringing forth the indictments and ultimate convictions of nineteen individuals involved in three major international drug operations. In May, 1984, when Mr. Goldsmith's Bond was revoked, the U.S. Attorney urged his release in light of his cooperation; however, the Parole Commission denied the request.

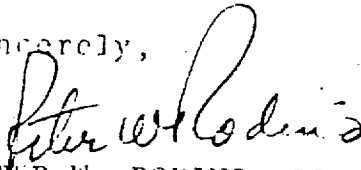
I would strongly recommend that the Commission review its decision to incarcerate Mr. Goldsmith. The community at large owes a great debt to him for his aid in penetrating three separate major drug organizations. Moreover, he exposed himself to considerable risk during both the time he spent working on these important cases, and the time he spent in necessary seclusion after his cooperation became public. One must conclude that Mr. Goldsmith's experience was at least equivalent to and probably far more severe than any incarceration could have been.

Thank you in advance for your very careful consideration of this matter. I would appreciate being kept apprised of Mr. Goldsmith's situation.

Cecil C. McCall
United States Parole Commission
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With kind regards,

Sincerely,


PETER W. PODINO, JR.
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